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Reply to Attn of:

General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the National Contract Management Association's (NCMA) 2012 GCN Awards Dinner on October 24, 2012

On October 24, 2012, the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will host the 2012 GCN Awards Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, Virginia, from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm. The purpose of this event is to bestow the annual GCN Awards, which honor Federal, state and local government teams for IT accomplishments and contributing to the performance of their agencies. GCN ("Government Computer News"), a publication of 1105 Government Information Group, is in control of seating.

Approximately 600 people will attend the event, including representatives from the media, industry, team members from Federal and state agencies, local government, the U.S. legislative branch, and the general public. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$67.00 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely-attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2).

I have determined that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding and other NASA programs and policies with attendees from various sectors who are invited.

Accordingly, NASA employees, including non-career appointees required to sign the ethics pledge under the Executive Order 13490, who have been invited may accept free attendance at the event. However, NASA employees whose duties substantially affect NCMA or 1105 Government Information Group, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone